

REMARKS

Applicants request favorable reconsideration and allowance of this application in view of the foregoing amendments and the following remarks.

Claims 1, 2, 6-14, 16-23, 26-34, 36-49 and 60-62 are pending in this application, with Claims 1, 13, 22, 33, 42-49, and 60-62 being independent. Claims 3-5, 15, 24, 25 and 35 have been cancelled without prejudice.

Claims 1, 2, 13, 14, 22, 23, 33, 34, 42, 44, 46, 48 and 60-62 have been amended. Applicants submit that support for the amendments can be found in the original disclosure, and therefore no new matter has been added.

Claims 61 and 62 were objected to because of minor informalities as stated on pages 2-3 of the Action. The points raised by the Examiner have been attended to, and withdrawal of the objection is requested.

Claims 1-4, 6, 13-15, 22-24, 26, 33-35, 42-49 and 60-62 were rejected under 35 U.S. C. 102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 5,892,900 (Ginter, et al.). The remaining dependent claims were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103 as being obvious over Ginter et al. either alone or in combination with one or more of U.S. Patent No. 6,725,372 (Lewis et al.) and U.S. Patent No. 6,704,797 (Fields et al.). Applicants respectfully traverse these rejections for the reasons presented below.

As recited in independent Claim 1, the present invention includes, *inter alia*, the features where a roaming server receives digital content protected by a first intellectual property right protection system, receives change request information of the intellectual property right protection system from a client, changes the intellectual property right protection system of the received digital content to a second intellectual property right

protection system based on the change request information, and transmits the digital content protected by the second intellectual property right protection system to the client. Applicants submit that the cited art fails to disclose or suggest this combination of features.

In Ginter et al., a content creator creates and transmits rules and controls (CA) to a distributor, the distributor changes the received rules and controls (i.e., CA becomes DA(CA)), and transmits the changed rules and controls to a content user. However, that patent does not disclose or suggest at least the features that a roaming server receives change request information from a client and changes the intellectual property right protection system of digital content based on the change request information from the client. The other cited art also fails to disclose or suggest these features. Accordingly, Applicants submits that the present invention recited in independent Claim 1 is patentable over the art of record.

The other independent claims recite similar features and are believed to be patentable for similar reasons. The dependent claims are believed patentable for at least the same reasons as the independent claims, as well as for the additional features they recite.

In view of the foregoing, Applicants submit that this application is in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration, entry of this Amendment, withdrawal of the outstanding rejections, and an early passage to issue are requested.

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Respectfully submitted,

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